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SUBJECT: NAT/SPG 14TH MEETING'S SUMMARY

1. THE 14TH MEETING OF THE NORTH ATLANTIC SYSTEMS
PLANNING GROUP (NAT/SPG) WHICH OPENED IN THE INTERNA-
TIONAL CIVIL AVIATION ORGANIZATION (ICAO) PARIS OFFICE
ON APRIL 17TH ADJOURNED ON SCHEDULE ON APRIL 28TH
WITHOUT MAKING FIRM DECISION TO PROCEED WITH REDUCTION
IN LATERAL SEPARATION OF AIR TRAFFIC FROM 120 TO 60
NAUTICAL MILES IN THE NORTH ATLANTIC MINIMUM NAVIGATION
PERFORMANCE SPECIFICATION (MNPS) AIRSPACE. NAVIGATION
PERFORMANCE DATA WAS EVALUATED AND MEETING DECIDED THAT
REDUCED SEPARATION COULD BE SAFELY APPLIED BUT LIMITED
AMOUNT OF DATA SINCE DESIGNATION OF MNPS AIRSPACE ON
29 DECEMBER 1977 AND HIGHER THAN EXPECTED NUMBER OF
NAVIGATION DEVIATIONS REQUIRED THAT ADDITIONAL DATA BE
OBTAINED AND EVALUATED THIS AUGUST, IN TIME FOR THE
SCHEDULED SEPARATION REDUCTION ON OCTOBER 5, 1978.

2. QUESTION OF NAT/SPG MEMBERSHIP FOR SPAIN WAS
AMICABLY SETTLED WHEN THEY WERE INFORMED THAT MEMBER-
SHIP MATTER WAS OUT OF OUR HANDS BUT THAT SPAIN WOULD
BE INVITED TO ATTEND ANY MEETING WHICH INVOLVED HER
INTERESTS. OUR SUPPORT WAS THEREFORE NOT NEEDED BUT
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SPANISH REPS MADE POINT OF THANKING US MEMBER FOR
INTEREST AND SUPPORT OF THEIR EFFORT CONCERNING PROB-
LEMS INVOLVING AIR TRAFFIC FROM IBERIAN PENINSULA TO
NORTH AND SOUTH AMERICA.

3. INGO VOR/DME PROBLEM APPEARS ON WAY TO RESOLUTION
SATISFACTORY TO ALL CONCERNED AS ICELAND HAS WITHDRAWN

ORIGINAL PROPOSAL TO ICAO AND SUBMITTED ANOTHER WHICH WE CAN APPARENTLY GIVE FULL SUPPORT. IT PROPOSES THAT HORNAFJORDUR RADIOBEACON BE WITHDRAWN FROM PLAN AND THAT INGO YOR/DME BE INCLUDED IN JOINT SUPPORT AGREEMENT. MOREOVER, DME WILL BE USEFUL IN PROCEDURE INVOLVING CLIMBS AND DESCENTS THROUGH MNPS AIRSPACE BY NON-MNPS EQUIPPED AIRCRAFT FOR OPERATIONS ABOVE MNPS AIRSPACE.

4. US EFFORT CONCERNING NORTH ATLANTIC GENERAL AVIATION OPERATIONS RAN INTO STONE WALL AND REPRESENTS ONLY SETBACK WE RECEIVED. MEETING SECRETARY, IRELAND AND OTHERS TOOK HARD LINE AGAINST PROPOSAL WHICH WOULD REQUIRE ANNEX CHANGES FOR WHAT THEY PERCEIVED TO BE A VERY SMALL NUMBER OF AFFECTED OPERATORS.

5. SATISFACTORY ARRANGEMENTS CONCERNING DISSEMINATION OF NAVIGATION PERFORMANCE MONITORING DATA WERE MADE AS A RESULT OF US EFFORTS AFTER INITIALLY STRONG OPPOSITION. ALL NAT PROVIDER STATES WILL TRADE TRAFFIC AND NAVIGATION DEVIATION INFORMATION AND WE WILL HAVE LARGER ROLE THAN ORIGINALLY CONTEMPLATED BY UK IN DATA ASSESSMENT.

6. ENTIRE AGENDA WAS COMPLETED AND ITEMS WERE GENERALLY RESOLVED TO OUR SATISFACTION.
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